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October 8, 1980

Honorable J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Sir:

The enclosed is respectfully submitted to you for every proper consideration.

Please provide me with a report in duplicate and return the enclosure to me with your response.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M Jackson

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Enclosure

Re: The fate of Kim Dae Jung in Korea.
From: Jack W. Wilson + others

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September 23, 1980

Dear President Carter:

We, United States citizens, are shocked to learn of the imposition of death sentence for internationally well known Korean democratic leader Kim Dae Jung and the heavy sentences of 23 other Korean human right leaders.

After all the blood shed in the Korean war for democracy in that land and after 35 years of heavy U.S. military and economic assistance toward Korean development, we consider it a disaster that South Korea is presently in the hands of a brutal military government which has throttled all voices for democracy.

Even more is the tragedy that U.S. government continues massive military and economic aid to Korea, supports 40,000 U.S. troops there and timely arms phased when Korea's most popularly supported democratic leader receives the death sentence after a trial on charges by military fabrication and that even the State Department said were "far-fetched."

We urge you to practice our constitution for foreign policy which is designed for our government not to provide economic and military assistance to countries which committed massive human right violations.

Severe oppression and massive human right abuse committed by Korean military government are not only violation of International Declaration of Human Right but also is a threat to peace and national security of Korea as well as ours.

We urge you to be aware of growing objection of United States citizens in supporting Korea's brutal military government and also the growing agner and anti-American feelings of Korean citizens toward our continuous nurturing of dictators in that country.

We urge our president and government not to repeat the same mistake we made in Vietnam and Iran and consequent rejection by Korean citizens.

We, therefore, urgently suggest you to take strong action on undeserved heavy sentences in Kim Dae Jung case as outlined by professor Jerome Alan Cohen in his article of New York Times, September 18, 1980 (enclosed), so we Americans can prove to the whole world that we stand for human right and justice.

Please let us know about what is your action regarding the tragic Korean situation.

Sincerely Yours,

C.C. Senator Jackson
Senator Kennedy
Congressman Bonker
Congressman Anderson
Congressman Swift
State Department
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
House Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs
Korean Embassy